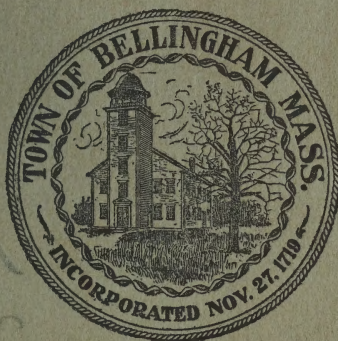


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# Town Officers for the Year 1901.

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TOWN CLERK,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

TREASURER,

L. FRANCIS THAYER.

SELECTMEN,

HENRY A. WHITNEY, ORVILLE C. RHODES,  
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS.

ASSESSORS,

ORVILLE C. RHODES, JUDSON E. CAMP,  
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

GEORGE NELSON.....Term expires March 1, 1902  
HENRY W. PICKERING.....Term expires March 1, 1903  
OTTO L. BULLARD.....Term expires March 1, 1904

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,

CHARLES W. PAUL.....Term expires March 1, 1902  
JUDSON E. CAMP.....Term expires March 1, 1903  
L. FRANCIS THAYER.....Term expires March 1, 1904

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

HENRY W. PICKERING .....Term expires March 1, 1902  
\*HARRY D. NICKERSON.....Term expires March 1, 1903  
\*JAMES O. RICHARDSON.....Term expires March 1, 1902  
HORACE A. BROWN.....Term expires March 1, 1904

AUDITOR,

CLARENCE A. CROOKS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

GILBERT H. DRAKE.

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\*Left town, vacancy filled by James O. Richardson.

\*To fill vacancy.

## FENCE VIEWERS,

JUDSON E. CAMP, ELWIN M. TAFT,  
HENRY A. WHITNEY.

## CONSTABLES,

GILAERT H. DRAKE, WILLIAM LEVESQUE,  
GEORGE F. NUGENT, SILAS H. WILLIAMS.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE,

ORIN CHILSON.....Term expires March 1, 1902  
OTTO L. BULLARD.....Term expires March 1, 1903  
V. B. ROCKWOOD....Term expires March 1, 1904

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES,

MRS. HENRY COOK....Term expires March 1, 1902  
HENRY A. WHITNEY.....Term expires March 1, 1902  
MRS. FRANCIS METCALF.....Term expires March 1, 1903  
WESLEY E. HOWES.....Term expires March 1, 1903  
MRS. WILLIAM A. BURR.....Term expires March 1, 1904  
SARA T. ROCKWOOD.....Term expires March 1, 1904

## TREE WARDEN,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

**Appointments for the Year 1901.**

## FIELD DRIVERS,

PROCTOR P. COOK, MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,  
EDWIN F. PICKERING.

## POUND KEEPER,

PROCTOR P. COOK.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

HENRY A. WHITNEY.

## FOREST FIRE WARDS,

L. FRANCIS THAYER, ELBRIDGE A. RHODES,  
VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, JUDSON E. CAMP,

## SURVEYERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

CHARLES F. CROOKS, L. FRANCIS THAYER,  
JUDSON E. CAMP, ELBRIDGE GRANT,  
ELBRIDGE A. RHODES, HENRY W. PICKERING.



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PUBLIC WEIGHERS,

LUMAN R. CAMP, M. ERNEST WILBER,  
EDWARD E. ROCKWOOD.

## AUCTIONEERS,

HENRY A. WHITNEY, PROCTOR P. COOK.

## INSPECTOR OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS,

CARROLL E. WHITE.

## SEXTONS,

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD, ORRIN CHILSON,  
S. FRED METCALF, HENRY W. PICKERING.

BURIAL AGENT UNDER CHAPTER 164, ACTS 1897,

VARNUM B. ROCKWOOD.

## POLICE OFFICERS,

LUMAN R. CAMP, HIRAM E. CROOKS,  
ELWIN E. TAFT, FRED M. RHODES,  
GEORGE D. CROOKS.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL AND KEEPER OF LOCKUP,

SILAS H. WILLIAMS.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT MARCH MEETING, 1901,

JOHN J. GERSTLE, CHARLES J. NUGENT,  
DANIEL SULLIVAN, GEORGE F. NUGENT,  
JAMES O. RICHARDSON, THOMAS H. COBB,  
CHARLES E. MARBLE, S. FRED METCALF.

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT NOVEMBER MEETING,

JAMES O. RICHARDSON, CHARLES E. MARBLE,  
DANIEL SULLIVAN, JOHN J. GERSTLE.

## List of Jurors

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AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM, TO BE ACTED  
UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 3, 1902:

George H. Thayer,	Fred A. Sherborn,
Charles J. Nugent,	Edwin M. Bennett,
Alonzo N. Whitney,	Hiram E. Crooks,
L. Francis Thayer,	Alfred W. Carr,
Albert A. Hancock,	William C. Pond,
George C. McMasters,	Fred M. Rhodes,
Joseph M. Wentworth,	George E. Tingley,
Proctor P. Cook,	Lloyd S. Thayer,
S. Fred Metcalf,	Henry A. Whitney.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,	} Selectmen of Bellingham.
ORVILLE C. RHODES,	
WARREN F. FAIRBANKS,	

## Memorial Day.

Memorial exercises were held at Bellingham Centre, Sunday, May 26, 1901, by Post 60, G. A. R., of Franklin, accompanied by the Sons of Veterans and Women's Relief Corps, also G. I. Partridge's Fife and Reed Band.

The exercises were as follows:

Prayer by the post chaplain; singing by the choir; reading by Miss Helen Thompson, and an address by Stephen S. Huse of Newton Theological Seminary, which was very much appreciated by the post and citizens; followed by the decoration of the soldiers' graves, closing the exercises by singing "America."

The exercises at North Bellingham were held Sunday, May 26th, 1901, by the West Medway Post, Sons of Veterans and Relief Corps. Exercises were opened by prayer by Post Chaplain, an address by Judge Grover of Canton, which was very highly pleasing; decoration of the soldiers' graves by the post, closing by singing.

The services at Rakeville Cemetery were in charge of Henry W. Pickering, a member of the Woonsocket Post, and appropriate exercises were rendered by Comrades of the Post.

We now think it appropriate here to announce the death of

JOSEPH MIETT, JR.,

who died at North Bellingham Jan. 6, 1902, aged 67 years, 5 months and 4 days. Sergt. Miett enlisted in Company E, 9th Regiment, Rhode Island Volunteers, May 26th, 1862. He first came to Bellingham in 1867, and with the exception of a few years in the early seventies, has made this town his home. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, West Medway.



# Town Clerk's Report.

## JURORS DRAWN FOR 1901:

February, supreme judicial, Erwin A. Bates.

April, criminal term, J. Sanford Thompson.

May, civil term, Michael F. Ryan.

September, criminal term, William F. Wales.

October, civil term, Gilbert H. Drake.

December, criminal term, Francis E. Arnold.

January, civil term, 1902, Harry D. Nickerson.

I have licensed 146 dogs the past year and paid the county \$278.40.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1901.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MARRIED BY
May	Walter Scott Merriam,	Bellingham,	Rev. Franklin Hutchinson
4,	Carolyn Electa Howe,	Dorchester,	at Framingham.
May	Joseph Irving Carey,	Hopedale,	Rev. D. J. Kelliher,
30,	Louisa Lawrence	Bellingham,	at Medway.
June	Frank M. Leblanc,	Bellingham,	Rev. J. M. Rockwood,
15,	Julia M. Whipple,	Bellingham,	at Bellingham.
June	Joseph B. Cook,	Cumberland,	Rev. Charles J. White,
18,	Ella A. Spencer,	Bellingham,	at Woonsocket.
July	George Robert Ross,	Milford,	Rev. Daniel J. Kelliher,
24,	Mary McMillon,	Bellingham,	at Medway.
Sept.	Rutherford H. Dean,	Cranston, R. I.,	Rev. J. M. Rockwood,
24,	Leola E. Smith,	Bellingham,	at Bellingham.
Nov.	Japhet Paul,	Bellingham,	Rev. Joseph E. Daley,
23,	Melvina Snay,	No. Oxford,	at No. Oxford.
Dec.	Michael F. Hyland,	Bellingham,	Rev. Joseph H. Riordan,
20.	Alice Paul,	Bellingham,	at Medway.

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1901.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Jan.		
14,	Grace Tupper,	Chas. B. and Minnie A. (Blanchard).
Feb.		
5,	Cornelius Francis Allen,	Patrick F. and Maggie (Foley).
9,	Frank Tower Sprague,	Jason T. and Sadie M. (Brown).
March		
10,	Mary Margaret Keliher,	Wm. T. and Katie Eliza (Nocturne).

29,	Harold Lyman Lipsett,	Edward and Flora (Wales).
April		
18,	Edward G. Labadie,	Peter E. and Rosanna (Pigeon).
May		
8,	—— Myner,	Noah and Matilda (Girard).
21,	Mary Lauretta Desmond,	Robert and Etta (Carey).
24,	Jessie Leola Crowningshield,	James E. and Eva (Cook).
June		
4,	George Vincent Edwards,	Wm. A. and Nora F. (Ryan).
19,	Henry Delpie,	William and Albina (Gingras).
July		
19,	Ruth Jessie Care,	Alford W. and Martha R. (McKinsie).
Aug.		
13,	Joseph LeClair,	Dennis and Jennie.
14,	Mary Mildred Dee,	John and Mary C. (Breen).
Sept.		
20,	Francis Ober,	Edward P. and Elizabeth (Foster).
29,	Waverley King Russell,	Wm. M. and Hannah C. (King).
Oct.		
5,	Leslie Vandyke Nickerson,	Harry D. and Lucie (Van Dyke).
7,	James Cobb,	Thomas and Catharine (Mahan).
Nov.		
3,	Marion Frances Ballou,	Leon and Susie A. (Pickering.)
19,	Edith Arlene Grover,	Harley M. and Katie (Edwards).
28,	James Pender McMahon,	Kennedy and Mary Agnes (Pender)
Dec.		
4,	Victor Delpie,	Fred and Mary (Gingras).
15,	—— Copeland,	George A. and Cora M. (Clarkson).
26,	Edna Louisa Rhodes,	Fred M. and Lottie M. (Clark).

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1901.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.					
15,	Francis Metealf,	77	11	23	Cerebral apoplexy.
17,	Anson E. Cook,	74	8	2	Acute Indigestion.
18,	Grace L. Tupper,	0	0	5	Convulsions.
27,	Catharine O'Rourke,	54	0	0	Consumption.
Feb.					
4,	Benjamin W. Tingley,	80	10	26	Old age.
8,	Esther S. Colburn,	69	0	0	Pneumonia.
25,	Sabrina E. Chilson,	78	5	20	Bronchitis.
March					
14,	Robert L. Desmond,	1	7	7	Convulsions.
21,	Bridget Desmond,	65	0	0	Senile paralysis.
23,	Hugh F. Smith,	35	10	0	Heart disease.



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28,	Abby Osborne,	72	1	3	Apoplexy.
31,	Henry Albert Phillips,	0	9	7	Pneumonia.
April					
7,	Mary E. Fletcher,	43	7	2	Chronic Bright's disease.
10,	Patrick Dwyer,	7	3	2	Accident on electric railway.
15,	Richard Hyland,	57	0	0	Accident in mill.
30,	Mary O'Rourke,	90	0	0	Exhaustion.
May					
8,	Matilda Myner,	28	0	0	Internal hemorrhage.
9,	Sarah A. Drake,	69	8	10	Bright's disease.
24,	Ruel A. Rockwood,	50	5	20	Typhoid fever.
31,	Bertha F. Wilber,	11	9	0	Pluro-pneumonia.
July					
31,	Eugene Dunlavey,	0	6	2	Gastro enteritis.
Sept.					
14,	Joseph Le Clair,	0	1	0	Cholera infantum.
17,	Josiah Gibson,	0	0	0	
18,	Orrin Chilson,	70	11	12	Catarrhal appendicitis.
Nov.					
17,	William L. Elliott,	71	6	26	Cerebral apoplexy.
Dec.					
6,	John Murphy,	42	0	0	Angina pectoris.
16,	Amy Clafin,	0	0	0	

## MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES,

MAY 29, 1901—PROGRAM.

1. Form on Common.
2. March to Soldiers' Monument.
3. Decoration of Monument.
4. Salute to the Flag.
5. Counter-march to Town Hall.
6. Prayer.....Rev. J. Monroe Rockwood
7. "Decoration Day".....William Keith
8. "Scatter Flowers"—Song.....Massey Primary
9. "Sleep, Soldiers, Sleep".....Chilson School
10. "Our Nation's Dead".....Rose Paul
11. "Unfurl the Starry Flag"—Song.....South Schools
12. "Flowers for the Banner".....North Primary
13. "Heroes in Blue and in Gray"—Dialogue.....South Schools
14. "Flower Song".....Caryville and North Primary
15. "His Mother's Song".....Mabelle Webber
16. "Memorial Day".....Massey Primary
17. "Driving Home the Cows".....Weston Aldrich
18. Remarks.....Hon. L. L. Chilson and Supt. F. E. McFee
19. Flag Drill.....North Grammar
20. "Oh, Flowers".....Caryville Primary
21. "Union and Liberty"—Song.....South Schools
22. "America".....Audience

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Received from the town.....	\$50 00	
Balance from last year.....	3 84	
		\$53 84

## EXPENSES.

Paid Franklin Post.....	\$10 00	
West Medway Post.....	10 00	
Woonsocket Post.....	5 00	
Flowers and filling urns at monument.....	3 50	
Care of same.....	1 50	
Transportation of scholars.....	13 00	
Music for schools.....	2 75	
Flags for monument.....	50	
Labor.....	2 25	
		\$48 50

Balance in Committee's hands..... \$5 34

JAMES O. RICHARDSON,  
For the Committee.



# Selectmen's Report.

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In our report of last year we stated: To protect the best interest of the town, we were compelled to bring a petition in the Superior Court to force the M. A. & W. Street Railway to comply with the conditions of the franchise. Some of those conditions have been complied with, there are two or three now which there is a contention over, the principal one is the North Bellingham grade crossing. As a result of several very narrow escapes from accidents at the Centre street crossing of the tracks of the N. Y. N. H. & H. Railroad, the Selectmen requested said company to protect this dangerous crossing by an alarm bell. Supt. Woodward, after an investigation, readily granted our request, and had the bell immediately placed in position. The Selectmen were well pleased to find Supt. Woodward was ready to meet the wishes of the town and give the travelling public this additional protection.

The repairing of South Main street is being done under the direction of the State Highway Commissioner and is not finished. The town of Hanson used the crusher after we were to have the machine, therefore we were too late to complete our contract before the ground froze. This is the first piece of highway the Commissioner has attempted to build from a gravel bank. Our gravel bank proved less stone and more sand than expected, which has caused the increase of expenses. We have consulted other towns who have built similar roads and find our expenses no larger, and in some cases less per rod of road built. There has been enough of the road finished so the public can test its utility. It is the understanding with the Commissioner that we will have another appropriation this spring.

We have perambulated the town lines between Medway and Bellingham and found the monuments in good condition. We have been to considerable expense in preserving our old records. We employed the Emery Preserving Co. to do the work, and we would ask the voters of the town to examine the volumes and see the fine condition we have the books in.

## Financial Statement.

### REPAIR OF TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation .....	\$300 00	
Transferred from emergency fund.....	8 80	
		\$308 80
E. B. Whiting, almshouse.....	5 20	
Rosebrook & Cummings, almshouse.....	16 53	
L. S. Holbrook, almshouse.....	105 45	
S. Fred Metcalf, almshouse.....	8 75	
P. Giblin, almshouse.....	7 00	
Z. C. Field, lumber, almshouse.....	60 97	
James Munroe, almshouse.....	7 51	
Frank E. Barrows, school furniture.....	97 39	
		\$308 80

### TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation.. .....		550 00
Henry W. Pickering, overseer to Mar. 1901	15 00	
George Nelson, overseer to March, 1901...	15 00	
Otto L. Bullard, overseer to March, 1901..	50 00	
John J. Gerstle, et al. ballot clerks March and November meetings, 1901.....	23 20	
David Bigwood, School Com. to Mar. 1901	10 00	
Silas H. Williams, constable to Mar. 1901.	5 00	
Warren E. Fairbanks, moderator March meeting, 1901.....	5 00	
L. Francis Thayer, treasurer to Mar. 1901.	50 00	
L. R. Camp, constable \$5.00, police July 4, 1901.....	7 00	
Michael F. Kennelly, police July 4, 1901..	2 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, assessor to March 1902.	67 57	
Judson E. Camp, assessor to March 1902..	51 25	
Carroll E. White, inspector of cattle to Feb. 1902.....	50 00	
Henry A. Whitney, Selectman to Mar. 1901	25 00	
Henry A. Whitney, perambulating town lines	4 00	
Henry A. Whitney, extra services on electric railway April, 1901.....	14 00	



Henry A. Whitney, expenses, travel, postage and stationery to Feb. 1902.....	15 25	
Orville C. Rhodes, Selectman to Mar. 1901.....	15 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, registrar.....	10 00	
Orville C. Rhodes, perambulating town lines.....	4 00	
Warren E. Fairbanks, Selectman to March, 1901.....	15 00	
Warren E. Fairbanks, registrar.....	10 00	
Henry A. Whitney, Town Clerk to March, 1901.....	25 00	
Henry A. Whitney, return of births, marriages and deaths.....	24 45	
Henry A. Whitney, expenses of the clerk..	26 95	
		\$539 67
Balance to next year's account. ....		10 33
		<u>\$550 00</u>

## INDIGENT SOLDIERS' AID.

Appropriation.....	50 00	
Received from estate of Sarah A. Drake...	80 00	
Transferred from emergency fund aid.....	17 59	
		<u>\$147 59</u>

## CARE OF SARAH A. DRAKE.

Jennie Bates, nurse.....	43 51	
Dr. W. H. Clark, physician.....	62 00	
A. B. Chilson, butcher's account.....	3 17	
A. H. Sweet, druggist.....	13 18	
L. F. Thayer, groceries.....	2 73	
W. E. White, fish.....	50	
V. B. Rockwood, undertaker.....	17 50	
Expense of M. V. Tingley.....	5 00	
		<u>\$147 59</u>

## STATE AID.

The following amounts have been disbursed under Chapter 374, Acts 1899, said amounts to be reimbursed by the state:

## NO APPROPRIATION.

Paid Milton R. Billings.....	\$43 00
Selectmen for Bridget Burk.....	24 00

Paid John J. Gerstle .....	8 00	
Sarah A. Drake.....	16 00	
Rebecca McDowell.....	48 00	
Ellen McKean.....	48 00	
John Shannon.....	32 00	
Eliphalet S. Sears.....	48 00	
Silas H. Williams.....	48 00	
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		\$315 00

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00
Paid Sarah T. Rockwood, Treasurer.....	\$100 00	
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		100 00

## DECORATION DAY.

Appropriation.....		\$50 00
Paid J. O. Richardson, Committee.....	\$50 00	
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		50 00

## CEMETERIES.

Appropriation.....		\$40 00
Paid Orrin Chilson, labor, So. Bellingham yard.....	\$11 70	
V. B. Rockwood, labor, Center yard..	6 28	
V. B. Rockwood, labor, North yard...	6 28	
V. B. Rockwood, labor, Scammell yard	2 40	
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		26 66
Balance to next year's account.....		13 34
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		\$40 00

## WATERING TROUGH AT RAKEVILLE.

Appropriation.....		\$60 00
Paid Archie Fresn, for trough.....	\$25 00	
M. J. Connolly, moving trough.....	4 00	
J. L. Johnson, digging trench and fill- ing.....	5 70	
One bill unpaid.....		
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		34 70
Balance to next year's account.....		25 30
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		\$60 00



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 PRINTING.

Appropriation.....		\$175 00
Paid G. M. Billings.....	\$88 50	
Milford News.....	3 50	
Woonsocket Reporter.....	6 00	
Charles E. Cook.....	40 85	
Geo. W. Southworth.....	3 35	
P. B. Murphy.....	4 80	
	<hr/>	\$147 00
Balance to next year's account.....		28 00
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		\$175 00

## CARE OF TRAMPS.

Appropriation.....		\$65 00
Paid Silas H. Williams, 364 in 52 weeks, at \$1.00 a week .....	\$52 00	
Crackers, oil and wood.....	8 75	
	<hr/>	\$60 75
Balance to next year's account .....		4 25
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		\$65 00

## TOWN HALL.

Transferred from emergency fund.....	\$5 00	
Received from Silas H. Williams, janitor..	3 25	
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Paid Silas H. Williams, care of hall.. ....	5 00	
Silas H. Williams, wood and expenses.	2 75	
George Nourse, sawing and putting wood in town officers' room .....	50	
	<hr/>	8 25

## TREE WARDEN—NO APPROPRIATION.

Transferred from emergency fund.....		\$22 40
Paid Maurice J. Fitzpatrick.....	\$7 50	
Henry A. Whitney.....	14 90	
	<hr/>	\$22 40

## ROAD AT SO. BELLINGHAM—NO APPROPRIATION.

Borrowed from the treasurer the excise tax which is to be worked on the high- way.....		\$941 25
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## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....	\$1500 00
Transferred from emergency fund.....	82 19
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	\$1582 19

Paid L. Francis Thayer .....	\$536 78
J. E. Camp .....	501 23
C. W. Paul .....	469 43
Special work, J. E. Camp .....	5 00
L. F. Thayer for C. W. Paul .....	69 75
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	\$1582 19

## SNOW ACCOUNT.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Paid Proctor P. Cook .....	\$92 40
J. E. Camp .....	95 50
C. W. Paul .....	91 68
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	279 58
Balance to next year's account.....	20 42
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	\$300 00

## NEW SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation.....	\$13000 00
Premium on notes .....	225 70
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	\$13225 70
Paid building committee orders .....	\$13225 56
Balance in treasury .....	14
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	\$13225 70

WATER FOR THE WATERING TROUGH IN THE CENTER OF  
THE TOWN.

The Selectmen, as a committee for the town, looked over the situation for a well to furnish this water. We employed the services of a man who is considered an expert in locating springs. We found one satisfactory on the land of Thomas Buckley. We could not lease what land we would like, and after a long delay in the negotiations we finally bought 6,200 feet of land of Mr. Buckley for the location of this well. The School Committee have mentioned to us that they would like the water carried into



the school house, which, in our opinion, could be done cheaper than digging a well for the school building.

Appropriation .....		\$300 00
Paid Thomas Buckley, land.....	50 00	
Paid Henry A. Whitney, locating and re- cording deeds.....	3 15	
		\$53 15
Balance to next year's account.....		\$246 85

### Board of Health.

The Board of Health had to contend with a number of diphtheria cases the past year. Anti-Toxine has been used in all the cases by the physicians in attendance, the State furnished it free to the towns. The first cases, also cases at the time of President McKinley's death, we bought. Cards were posted on the houses notifying all persons of the nature of the disease within. We caused all buildings to be thoroughly fumigated, whenever the patient had recovered. The small pox being so close to us last summer and winter we thought it advisable to consult with the School Committee in regard to vaccination of the school children. We issued notices requesting all persons to be vaccinated and to the schools that we would furnish it free to those who wished. We procured as good vaccine as there was and we consider it has been done, but too late for the expense to come into this report. We had 12 diphtheria, 2 scarlet fever and 2 typhoid fever cases the past year.

#### NO APPROPRIATION.

Transferred from emergency fund.....		\$101 20
Paid Adams & Son, anti toxine.....	\$23 50	
Telephone and express.....	1 70	
Dr. C. A. Bemis, fumigating.....	26 00	
Dr. W. H. Clark, fumigating.....	40 00	
Henry A. Whitney, expenses.....	10 00	
		\$101 20

#### NEW ROAD NEAR DAVID F. ADAMS'.

In our last year's report we stated we had contracted for the building of this road to M. J. Connolly, and to be completed by

April 1, 1901. The spring was backward, and other matters considered, his time was extended to May 1, 1902, at which time it was completed. The M., A. & W. Street Railway fulfilled their agreement by releasing their land for the highway, also paying the amount agreed upon.

Appropriation.....	\$150 00	
M., A. & W. Railway.....	150 00	
Transferred from emergency fund.....	27 17	
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		\$327 17
Paid M. J. Connolly, per contract.....	\$238 00	
M. J. Connolly, for fencing and filling		
between car tracks.....	81 92	
D. F. Adams, land.....	5 00	
Henry A. Whitney, printing and re-		
cording deeds.....	2 25	
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		\$327 17

## INCIDENTAL ITEMS.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00	
Transferred from emergency account.....	31 00	
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		\$331 00
Paid Emory Preserving Co., 6 vol. records.	\$169 50	
C. C. Hoffman, town seal and print-		
ing die.....	50 00	
Thomas Grover, town council.....	50 00	
John Robbins & Co., police badges..	4 00	
L. Francis Thayer, watering tub, two		
years.....	10 00	
Proctor P. Cook, watering tub, one		
year.....	5 00	
A. F. Lyman, watering tub, one year.	5 00	
Medway fire department at Mr. Obus'	27 50	
E. L. Burdakin, examining deeds.....	10 00	
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		\$331 00

## EMERGENCY FUND.

Appropriated.....		\$300 00
Transferred to account of town buildings...	\$ 8 80	
Transferred to account of soldiers' aid.....	17 59	

Transferred to account of tree warden.....	22 40	
Transferred to account of Board of Health..	101 20	
Transferred to account of road by D. F. Adams' .....	27 17	
Transferred to account of incidental items..	31 00	
Transferred to account of care of town hall..	5 00	
Transferred to account of highways.....	82 19	
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		\$295 35

## BALANCE TO NEXT YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Town officers.....	\$10 32	
Cemeteries.....	13 34	
Water tub at Rakeville.....	25 30	
Printing.....	28 00	
Tramps.....	4 25	
New school buildings.....	14	
Snow.....	20 42	
Water for center of town.....	246 85	
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		\$348 62

## TOTALS.

Repairs of town buildings.....	\$308 80	
Town officers.....	539 68	
Indigent soldiers aid.....	147 59	
Public library.....	100 00	
Decoration day.....	50 00	
Cemeteries.....	26 66	
Watering tub at Rakeville... ..	34 70	
Printing.....	147 00	
Care of tramps.....	60 75	
Care of town hall.....	5 00	
Tree warden.....	22 40	
Highways and bridges.....	1,582 19	
Snow.....	279 58	
New school buildings.....	13,225 56	
Water in center of town.....	53 15	
Board of Health.....	101 20	
New road by D. F. Adams'.....	327 17	
State aid.....	315 00	



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Incidental items.....	331 00	
Highway at So. Bellingham, under direc- tion Mass. Highway Commission...	941 25	
	—————	\$18,598 68

## ESTIMATES OF THE SELECTMEN.

Support of schools. ....	\$5400 00
Highways .....	1500 00
Support of Poor.....	1500 00
Repairs of town buildings.....	200 00
Town incidentals.....	150 00
Printing.....	100 00
Interest.....	550 00
Town officers.....	550 00
Cemeteries.....	25 00
Decoration Day.....	50 00
Public Library.....	100 00
Indigent soldier aid.....	125 00
Tramps.....	60 00
Emergency fund.....	300 00

HENRY A. WHITNEY,	}	Selectmen of Bellingham.
ORVILLE C. RHODES,		
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,		

# Road Commissioners' Report.

The roads throughout the town are in fair condition. Bridges and railings at the North and Centre will need but little repairing. New railings will have to be erected and some repairs on bridges and guide boards at the South end; would recommend \$150 for cutting brush on side of roads. We think \$1,500 ought to be appropriated for the ensuing year.

## Financial Statement.

J. E. CAMP, COMMISSIONER.

Paid J. E. Camp, 4 horses on scraper, 6 days

\$5 00.....	\$30 00
J. E. Camp, 2 horses on cart, 70 days	
\$2 50.....	175 00
J. E. Camp..... 8 days	\$1 75 14 00
William Lake..... 9 days	1 50 13 50
Simon Cormior.... 16 days	1 50 24 00
Edward Bennett..... 15½ days	1 50 23 25
Samuel Lake..... 7 days	1 50 10 50
Frank Lake..... 8 days	1 50 12 00
Maurice Fitzpatrick.... 27 days	1 50 40 50
Charles Merwin..... 6 days	1 50 9 00
James E. Kennely .... 7 days	1 50 10 50
William Beard..... 2 days	1 50 3 00
Harry Camp..... 6 days	1 50 9 00
John O'Rourke..... 8 days	1 50 12 00
Ernest Wilber..... 2 days	1 50 3 00
Gilbert H. Drake..... 2½ days	1 50 3 75
Charles Thayer..... 5 days	1 50 7 50
Oscar Taylor..... 9 days	1 50 13 50
Charles Clark..... 14 days	1 50 21 00
William Cullin..... 12 days	1 50 18 00
Patrick Dwyer..... 2 days	1 50 3 00

————— \$456 00

Thomas Burns, cutting .			
bushes . . . . .	5 days	1 50	7 50
Fred Williams, cutting...			
bushes . . . . .	4 days	1 50	6 00
Fred D. Presho, cutting. $1\frac{1}{3}$ days		1 50	2 00
			15 50
Frank H. Dawley, gravel, 8 loads, 4c. . . . .			32
George Melrose, gravel, 24 loads, 4c. . . . .			96
George Jennison, gravel, 20 loads, 4c. . . . .			80
J. E. Camp, gravel, 434 loads, 4c. . . . .			17 36
			\$19 44
J. E. Camp, one-half expense of repair-			
ing bridge between Mendon and Bel-			
lingham at South Milford. . . . .		10 29	
			\$10 29
			\$501 23

## L. F. THAYER, COMMISSIONER.

Paid Hiram A. Cook. . . . .	35 days	1 50	52 50
E. H. Gay. . . . .	$31\frac{1}{3}$ days	1 50	46 67
Lloyd S. Thayer. . . . .	$12\frac{2}{3}$ days	1 50	18 68
A. N. Whitney. . . . .	$32\frac{1}{2}$ days	1 50	48 75
Charles O'Connor. . . . .	$15\frac{1}{8}$ days	1 50	22 58
John J. Gerstle. . . . .	$27\frac{5}{8}$ days	1 50	41 33
Ellery Thayer. . . . .	$6\frac{1}{2}$ days	1 50	9 75
A. A. Hancock. . . . .	$7\frac{5}{6}$ days	1 50	11 75
George Nourse. . . . .	$14\frac{1}{8}$ days	1 50	21 08
Peter Labadie. . . . .	$21\frac{1}{6}$ days	1 50	31 75
Albert Spencer. . . . .	$\frac{5}{6}$ days	1 50	1 25
Elwin Thayer. . . . .	$\frac{2}{3}$ days	1 50	33
L. F. Thayer. . . . .	22 days	1 75	38 50
L. F. Thayer, 2 horses. . . . .	59 days	2 50	149 64
L. F. Thayer, 1 horse. . . . .	$1\frac{3}{8}$ days	1 25	2 17
			\$496 73
R. F. Thayer, gravel, 222 loads, 4c. . . . .			8 88
J. Apgar, gravel, 52 loads, 4c. . . . .			2 08
E. Migneault, gravel, 23 loads, 4c. . . . .			92



C. W. Paul, gravel, 38 loads, 4c.....	1 52	
Warren Lazel, gravel, 14 loads, 4c.....	56	
Ruel N. Smith, gravel, 108 loads, 4c....	4 32	
H. E. Holbrook, gravel, 68 loads, 4c....	2 72	
L. F. Thayer, gravel, 26 loads, 4c.....	1 04	
Geo. E. O'Connor, gravel, 49 loads, 4c..	1 96	
George Jennison, gravel, 33 loads, 4c...	1 32	
James Munroe, gravel, 13 loads, 4c.....	52	
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		\$25 84
L. F. Thayer, 56 ft. drain pipe.....	10 08	
L. F. Thayer, 2 shovels.....	1 70	
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		11 78
L. F. Thayer, posts, rails and nails for bridges.....	2 43	
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		2 43
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		\$536 78

## C. W. PAUL, COMMISSIONER.

Paid William Wales.....	154 hours, 15c....	23 10
Mr. Garneau.....	277 hours, 15c....	41 55
Joseph Brothers.....	267 hours, 15c....	40 05
Jos. Laporte.....	167 hours, 15c....	25 05
Jos. LeCroix.....	25 hours, 15c....	3 75
Emerson Bartlett....	145 hours, 15c....	21 75
Frank Cook.....	267 hours, 15c....	40 05
Louis Garneau.....	242 hours, 15c....	36 30
Harold Speakman....	115 hours, 15c....	17 25
Albert Mowry.....	22 hours, 15c....	3 30
George Belisle.....	22 hours, 15c....	3 30
Mr. Bishop.....	157 hours, 15c....	23 55
John Garneau..	10 hours, 15c....	1 50
W. E. Carter.....	30 hours, 15c....	4 50
Allie Pickering.....	15 hours, 15c....	2 25
Wilson Pickering....	4½ hours, 15c....	68
Jim Crowningshield..	5 hours, 15c....	75
Henry Leduc.....	5 hours, 15c....	75
C. W. Paul.....	206 hours, 17½c...	36 05

C. W. Paul, horses...458 hours, 25c....	114 50	
H. W. Pickering, " . . . 5 hours, 25c . . .	1 25	
		<hr/> \$441 23
E. Taft, gravel, 100 loads, 4c.....	4 00	
Mr. Garneau, gravel, 150 loads, 4c.....	6 00	
Mrs. Thayer, gravel, 10 loads, 4c.....	40	
Mrs. Jillson, gravel, 10 loads, 4c.....	40	
E. Rhodes, gravel, 60 loads, 6c.....	3 60	
		<hr/> \$14 40
C. W. Paul, 51 ft. 12-in. pipe.....	12 75	
C. W. Paul repairing tools.....	1 05	
		<hr/> \$13 80
		<hr/> \$469 43
(Special work by the Commissioner.)		
Paid J. E. Camp, on drain by R. Bents.....	5 00	
L. F. Thayer, on Chestnut street and Paine street for C. W. Paul, Com..	69 75	
		<hr/> \$74 75
C. W. Paul, Commissioner, (Snow bills.)		
Paid C. W. Paul.....61½ hours, 20c. . .	12 30	
" " horses... 25c....	10 88	
A. H. Mowry.....60 hours, 20c....	12 00	
Moses Rouse..... 2 hours, 20c....	40	
J. Bartlett .....23 hours, 20c....	4 60	
John McCarthy.....41½ hours, 20c....	8 30	
Anson L. Cass.....51 hours, 20c....	10 20	
Jas. Crowningshield.33 hours, 20c....	6 60	
Waldo Cook.....18 hours, 20c....	3 60	
Herald Speakman....18 hours, 20c....	3 60	
Mr. Miller.....20 hours, 20c....	4 00	
John Lancozar.....10 hours, 20c....	2 00	
Elbridge Rhodes..... 8 hours, 20c....	1 60	
William Wales.....58 hours, 20c....	11 60	
		<hr/> \$91 68
Proctor P. Cook, Commissioner, (Snow bills.)		
Paid Proctor P. Cook....28½ hours, 20c....	5 70	
" " horses.47 hours, 25c....	11 75	

Paid Walter Cook.....	22	hours, 20c....	4 40	
James Munroe.....	18	hours, 20c....	3 60	
William Munroe.....	18	hours, 20c....	3 60	
A. N. Whitney.....	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	hours, 20c....	3 35	
Peter Labidu.....	9	hours, 20c....	1 80	
Alphonse Bernard...	5	hours, 20c....	1 00	
Ernest Wilber.....	14	hours, 20c....	2 80	
E. Migneault et al..	122 $\frac{1}{2}$	hours, 20c....	24 50	
Ed. Algar.....	18	hours, 20c....	3 60	
Philias Joyall.....	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	hours, 20c....	4 10	
John Gerstle.....	25	hours, 20c....	5 00	
Hiram A. Cook.....	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	hours, 20c....	4 00	
S. J. Lawrence.....	13	hours, 20c....	2 60	
Charles Brown.....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	hours, 20c....	3 50	
Manning Taylor.....	21	hours, 20c....	4 20	
Mr. Aldrich.....	3	hours, 20c....	60	
George Gay.....	5	hours, 20c....	1 00	
George Nourse.....	6	hours, 20c....	1 20	
				\$92 40

## J. E. Camp, Commissioner, (Snow bills.)

Paid J. E. Camp, 4 horses	29	hours, 50c....	14 50	
“ “ .....	38	hours, 20c....	7 60	
Edward Bennett.....	35	hours, 20c....	7 00	
Edward Ober.....	48	hours, 20c....	9 60	
Samuel Metcalf.....	2	hours, 20c....	40	
Charles Merwin.....	30	hours, 20c....	6 00	
Cornelius Allen.....	40	hours, 20c....	8 00	
John O'Neil.....	20	hours, 20c....	4 00	
Gilbert H. Drake....	55	hours, 20c....	11 00	
S. Fred Metcalf.....	10	hours, 20c....	2 00	
Patrick O'Neil.....	27	hours, 20c....	5 40	
Maurice Fitzpatrick..	55	hours, 20c....	11 00	
Michael Kennedy....	18	hours, 20c....	3 60	
Harry Camp.....	6	hours, 20c....	1 20	
Henry Sanborn.....	20	hours, 20c....	4 00	
				\$95 50

Total..... \$279 58

JUDSON E. CAMP, }  
 CHARLES W. PAUL, } Road  
 L. FRANCIS THAYER, } Commissioners.



# Report of the Treasurer.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$254 00
From state treasurer, street railway tax..	729 81
State treasurer, street railway tax..	1,171 61
State treasurer, state aid.....	324 00
State treasurer, state paupers.....	55 59
State treasurer, Mass. school fund..	917 44
County treasurer, dog tax.....	255 25
George Sears, license.....	6 00
Elie Goulet, license.....	2 00
Blackman, license.....	5 00
Hoag Lake Park, license.....	100 00
H. A. Whitney, (new road).....	150 00
Massachusetts school fund, on ac- count of district.....	416 66
H. A. Whitney (Mrs. Drake).....	80 00
H. A. Whitney, slaughter house li- cense.....	1 00
District court.....	166 00
Dedham court.....	5 00
School committee.....	42 50
Overseers of Poor.....	2,308 27
G. H. Drake, tax collector.....	10,050 07
J. E. Camp, tax collector, in full ..	1,982 47
National bank tax.....	80 87
Corporation tax.....	2 70
Town notes.....	13,000 00
Premium on notes .....	225 70
Interest on notes.....	55 00
Borrowed money in anticipation of taxes.....	3,500 00
	<hr/> \$35,886 94

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax.....	\$455 00
County tax.....	555 44
Insurance on Town buildings.....	201 50
Overseers of Poor, orders.....	3,515 01
School committee's orders.....	5,210 01
Town officers.....	539 68
Interest on town notes.....	498 80
District court.....	98 58
Cemeteries.....	26 66
Cemeteries, lots in trust.....	11 10
Repair of Town buildings.....	308 80
Public library.....	100 00
State aid.....	315 00
Road commissioners.....	1,861 57
Miscellaneous Selectmen's orders....	2,537 26
V. B. Rockwood, indigent state aid..	35 00
Stationery and stamps.....	3 50
New school house orders.....	12,925 56
Collector of Taxes.....	116 51
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	3,500 00
J. E. Camp, taxes abated.....	37 24
	<hr/> \$32,852 22

## LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Baptist society note.....	\$632 00
Heirs of Luther Thayer note.....	1,000 00
L. F. Thayer note.....	2,000 00
New school house note.....	13,000 00
Due town officers.....	550 00
	<hr/> \$17,182 00

## ASSETS.

Due from G. H. Drake, tax collector....	\$4,021 74
Cash on hand.....	3,034 72
	<hr/> \$7,056 46
Liabilities in excess of assets.....	<hr/> \$10,125 54

L. F. THAYER, Treasurer.

MONEY LEFT BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS, AND  
WHICH THE TOWN HOLDS IN TRUST.

Name and Amount Left.	One Year's Interest on Several Burial Lots.	Amount Expended on Each Lot During the Year, as follows:	Balance Due on Each Lot for the Year Ending 1902.
Zebina Bullard.....\$100 00	\$4 00	Paid Trustees of Cemeteries..... \$0 00	Bullard.....\$22 08
B. Benedict..... 40 00	1 60	" " " " " 1 00	Benedict... 5 73
A. P. Eaton ..... 50 00	2 00	" " " " " 1 50	Eaton..... 6 68
Sarah Holbrook..... 100 00	4 00	" " " " " 4 50	Holbrook.. 18 14
E. Barber..... 30 00	1 20	" " " " " 0 00	Barber ... 4 59
Jarvis Cook..... 50 00	2 00	" " " " " 1 00	Cook... .. 7 27
Lavinia Taft..... 50 00	2 00	" " " " " 50	Taft..... 5 91
P. Bryant..... 100 00	4 00	" " " " " 2 60	Bryant.... 12 64
A. M. Clark..... 30 00	1 20	" " " " " 0 00	Clark..... 2 40
<u>\$550 00</u>	<u>\$22 00</u>	<u>\$11 10</u>	<u>\$85 44</u>



# Report of Building Committee.

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The committee selected by the town to move, alter and enlarge the school houses at North Bellingham and Bellingham Centre met and organized by choice of Horace A. Brown as chairman and Warren E. Fairbanks as secretary. The site for the new location of the North Bellingham school house was purchased of Mr. Daniel Dee; it has a frontage of about 140 feet on Hartford avenue and a depth of about 653 feet to the N. Y., N. H. & H. railroad, land comprising about two acres and seven square rods.

The committee selected Mr. Robert Allen Cook of Milford as architect. The committee advertised for bids and accepted the bids of Sidney Nason for the moving, Cenedella Bros. for the foundation work and cellars, Otis Whitney & Son for the building and the Bay State Heating Co. for the heating apparatus.

The committee were subjected to much adverse criticism immediately after the batten boards were placed in position, especially at the North Bellingham building. The criticism alleged that these lines were too high, but since the buildings were completed the criticism has wholly disappeared. Mr L. F. Thayer, town treasurer, with the assistance of Mr. H. A. Brown, succeeded in placing the town notes at a very favorable rate of interest, viz.,  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ , payable semi-annually, and also received a premium of \$225.70. We have heard that these notes have been purchased by the state for sinking fund purposes.

Inspection by the state inspectors was made January 7, 1902, and is as follows: "I consider the money expended on these two buildings has been judiciously used and the Town of Bellingham has now two modern and up-to-date school buildings, well heated, ventilated and lighted.

JOSEPH A. MORSE,

State Inspector of Public Buildings.

The committee desire to place on record the fact that there has been perfect harmony between them and the contractors; and we would especially mention Mr. R. A. Cook and Mr. George Whitney for their valuable advice given freely to the committee at the time when it was most needed.

Having, as we believe, fully performed the work assigned us by the town, and not exceeded the appropriation, we feel that the results of our labors are such as to meet the approval of the citizens of the town.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$13,000 00	
Premium on the town notes.....	225 70	
		<u>\$13,225 70</u>
Daniel Dee, land.....	300 00	
Sidney Nason, moving buildings.....	500 00	
Cenedella Bros., cellars.....	1,200 00	
Milford Journal, printing.....	1 87	
Milford News, printing.....	2 00	
Woonsocket Reporter, printing.....	3 00	
L. E. Fales, looking up titles.....	10 00	
Bay State Heating Co.....	1,269 00	
Otis Whitney & Son, contract to build..	9,100 31	
Clark Ellis & Son, plumbing and hard- ware .....	182 75	
M. J. Connolly, labor.....	139 66	
McLaughlin, job of masoning.....	5 30	
Robert Allen Cook, architect.....	510 00	
Henry A. Whitney, printing and record- ing deed.....	1 67	
		<u>\$13,225 56</u>
Balance in treasury.....		14
		<u>\$13,225 70</u>

HORACE A. BROWN, Chairman,  
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS, Secretary,  
HENRY W. PICKERING,  
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,  
MAURICE J. CONNOLLY,  
ORVILLE C. RHODES,  
HENRY A. WHITNEY,

} Committee.

## Report of Tree Warden.

The acts of 1899 (May 4) say each town shall annually choose a tree warden, to serve one year. The office of tree warden is a responsible one. If in any dispute, the tree warden's order is final. In Section 2 it says: "All shade trees within the limits of any public way shall be deemed public shade trees." Section 5, "Whoever places any kind of advertisement or notice on a public shade tree without a written permit of the tree warden shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars." If you have traveled over our public ways the past year you have seen quite a number of large trees cut down, and have been without the permit of the tree warden. In my mind, I think it a question who owns or controls the cutting or trimming of the trees in the public way in front of my house or yours. In a near-by town within six weeks there have been fifty large, fine trees cut down for the benefit of a telephone and telegraph company. A tree warden can do much good in trimming trees, and perhaps if he had the hundred dollars the highway commission ask for to cut bushes, he might make as good a showing as they have in the past four or five years.

The state furnishes a nail with the letter M stamped on the head, and a light-colored metal washer, so it can be plainly seen when the nail is driven into the tree. I have spiked about sixty trees this season. The principal expense has been at South Bel-  
lingham, in trimming trees when the school house was moved; and it was no desirable job, as all were well poisoned by ivy.

### NO APPROPRIATION.

Transferred from emergency fund.....	\$22 40
Paid Maurice Fitzpatrick, labor.....	\$7 50
Ruel Martin, labor .....	1 40
B. E. Marble, labor.....	75
George Emerson, labor.....	4 50
H. A. Whitney, labor.....	8 25
	———— \$22 40

HENRY A. WHITNEY, Tree Warden.

# Report of Overseers of Poor.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM:

The Overseers of the Poor present the following report for the year ending February 1, 1902:

The Overseers met at the Town Office March 9, and chose Otto L. Bullard Chairman and Secretary for the following year.

The town farm and almshouse have been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whiting since April 1.

The present number of inmates is six. There have been expended in repairs of buildings \$211.41, principally on the building used as horse-barn and woodhouse. This expense was charged to repairs of town buildings. We estimate that about the same sum will be needed for repairs next year.

Some minor repairs have been made by the Superintendent at the expense of this department.

We have one patient in Worcester Insane Hospital and one in Medfield Insane Asylum.

Two families have received partial support.

Tramps have been cared for at the Police Station by S. H. Williams:

Lodged and fed in February, 1901.....	82
“ “ “ March, 1901.....	67
“ “ “ April, 1901.....	33
“ “ “ May, 1901.....	5
“ “ “ June, 1901.....	0
“ “ “ July, 1901.....	0
“ “ “ August, 1901.....	1
“ “ “ September, 1901.....	3
“ “ “ October, 1901.....	23
“ “ “ November, 1901.....	41
“ “ “ December, 1901.....	54
“ “ “ January, 1902.....	55

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Total.....364



## APPROVED BILLS.

For care.....	\$52 00
Wood, oil and crackers.....	8 75
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	\$60 75

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.	AGE.	WEEKS.
Abigail Haggard.....	80	52
Sarah Cross.....	45	52
Clarissa P. Adams.....	50	52
Bridget Burke.....	57	52
Mary Watt.....	56	30 3d
Robert A. Daniels.....	72	12 4d
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PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE AS APPRAISED BY THE  
SELECTMEN, JANUARY 31, 1902.

Land and buildings.....	\$4100 00
16 cows, 1 bull, 3 young stock.....	811 00
3 horses.....	275 00
2 shoats.....	11 00
88 fowls and 6 ducks.....	69 00
Hay, fodder and ensilage.....	305 00
6 harnesses, parts of harness and surcingles..	115 00
Blankets and halters.....	25 00
10 wagons and sleds.....	560 00
15 cords stove wood.....	68 00
10 cords dry wood.....	35 00
30 cords green wood.....	75 00
Lumber, logs and posts.....	93 00
Farm machinery.....	168 50
Small tools of all kinds.....	169 50
Grain.....	10 00
Potatoes and other vegetables.....	37 00
Brick, ashes and coal.....	12 00
Tar and oil.....	3 00
Bone cutter.....	14 00
Fish and pork.....	16 50

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Flour.....	5 00
Small groceries.....	25 00
Vinegar and barrels.....	10 00
Household goods.....	400 00
	—————\$7412 50

## RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

Use of horse.....	50
Use of bull.....	4 50
Use of planter.....	1 00
Calves.....	13 50
Bags and junk.....	4 39
Labor. . . . .	1 25
Board.. . . .	222 57
Eggs.....	46 35
Milk at retail.....	28 60
Potatoes and other vegetables.....	36 89
Wood.....	1 25
Pigs.....	4 00
Beef and pork.....	52 27
Carting milk.....	12 26
Stock.....	52 50
Transportation of school children.....	300 00
Old furniture.....	4 25
Milk at wholesale.....	1220 64
	—————\$2006 72

Received from other sources:—

From John J. Gerstle, guardian.....	\$169 46
From Fall River and State.....	132 09
	—————\$301 55

## BILLS DUE TOWN FARM.

C. Brigham & Co., milk.....	\$140 80
Estate of Paul D. Chilson.....	32 40
For potatoes.....	45 90
	—————\$219 10
Due from other sources:—	
State.....	\$15 00
Fall River.....	88 00
	— ———\$103. 00

## OUTSIDE AID.

City of Worcester, aid to Margaret Nason.....	\$2 00
Miss Etta M. Bates at Medfield Insane Asylum.....	146 00
Joseph Gerstle at Worcester Insane Hospital.....	169 46
W. H. Thayer, for care of Con. O'Hara.....	2 50
Mrs. Amanda Frazer.....	88 00
L. R. Camp, for expense of taking Katherine Maher to State Hospital .....	6 29
W. H. Clark, M. D., medical attendance to Thomas McAdams.....	18 00
Aid to Patrick Hayes.....	15 00
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	\$447 25

## EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

Hardware and seeds.....	\$179 50
Labor.....	355 30
Stock .....	139 50
Blacksmithing and wagon repairs.....	315 18
Grain .....	865 94
Sundries for farm use.....	285 02
Groceries and provisions.....	394 89
Dry goods and shoes... .	33 72
Medicine.....	3 38
Sundries for house use.....	48 92
Salary.....	416 63
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	\$3037 98

## INCIDENTALS.

Books, stationery, postage and traveling expenses...	\$29 78
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## RECAPITULATION.

## RECEIPTS.

From Farm .....	\$2006 72
From other sources.....	301 55
Bills due Town Farm.....	219 10
Due from Fall River and State.....	103 00
Gain in appraisals.....	444 60
Appropriation .....	1000 00
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	\$4074 97

## EXPENDITURES.

Expense at Town Farm.....	\$3037 98	
Outside aid.....	447 25	
		<hr/> \$3485 23
Unexpended.....		<hr/> \$589 74

COST OF KEEPING INMATES AT TOWN FARM, EXCLUDING INTEREST  
AND REPAIRS.

Appraisal of personal property at Town Farm January 31, 1902.....	\$3312 50	
Appraisal of personal property at Town Farm January 31, 1901.....	2867 90	
Gain .....		\$444 60
Income at Town Farm.....	2006 72	
Bills due Town Farm.....	219 10	
		<hr/> \$2225 82
		<hr/> \$2670 42
Expense at Town Farm.....		<hr/> \$3037 98
Net expense at Town Farm.....		<hr/> \$367 56
251 weeks' board at \$1.46+		

## POOR DEPARTMENT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN TREASURER.

## Dr.

To orders No. 412 to 528, inclusive.....	\$3515 01
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## Cr.

By receipts at Farm.....	\$2006 72	
From other sources.....	301 55	
Appropriation .....	1000 00	
Overdrawn.....	206 74	
		<hr/> \$3515 01

We estimate that \$1500 will be required to meet the expenses of this department for the next year and recommend that that amount be appropriated.

O. L. BULLARD,	}	Overseers of Poor.
H. W. PICKERING,		
GEORGE NELSON,		



## Tax Collectors' Report.

Amount to be collected Feb. 1,...		
1901, on the year 1900 tax....		\$2758 81
Amount collected Feb. 1, 1902.....	\$1783 62	
Amount to be collected Feb, 1, 1902	975 19	
	<hr/>	\$2758 81
Interest collected on 1900 tax.....	\$76 22	
Interest collected on 1901 tax.....	21 22	
1901 tax:		
Amount to be collected .....		\$11,313 00
Amount collected Feb. 1, 1902.....	\$7916 53	
Amount to be collected Feb. 1, 1902	3396 47	
	<hr/>	\$11,313 00
Milford, Attleboro and Woonsocket		
Street Railway income tax.....	\$249 29	
Milford, Holliston and Framingham		
Street Railway income tax.....	22 18	
	<hr/>	
Collected and paid Treasurer.....		\$271 47
G. H. DRAKE, Collector.		

### Tax Collector's Report for 1902.

Amount of 1899, Taxes to be col-		
lected Feb. 1st, 1901.....		\$1808 11
Paid into Treasurer Feb. 1st, 1902.	\$1770 87	
Taxes abated Feb. 1st, 1902.....	37 24	
	<hr/>	\$1808 11
Interest paid Treasurer 1st, 1902..		\$211 60
J. E. CAMP, Collector.		

# Report

## of the Trustees of the free Public Library.

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The Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library respectfully present their seventh annual report.

The board organized March 27th, with W. E. Howes as chairman and Mrs. Alice A. Burr as secretary. The board has held two meetings this year.

The library has steadily increased in number of books since it organized in 1895.

We now have 1,269 volumes, comprising many of the best authors. We have had some difficulty in placing books at North Bellingham and Caryville. The trustees have now placed them with Mrs. George Tingley, Hartford avenue.

The trustees would recommend an appropriation of \$100.

W. E. HOWES, Chairman,	} Trustees.
MISS S. T. ROCKWOOD,	
MRS. WM. A. BURR,	
MRS. MARY W. METCALF,	
MRS. OLIVE COOK,	
HENRY A. WHITNEY,	

### Librarian's Report.

As librarian of the Bellingham Public Library, I take great pleasure in presenting my seventh annual report, although it may not differ materially from former years.

The purchasing committee have endeavored each year to cater to the wants and tastes of the patrons of the library, as far as the very limited means at their command would permit, and this year has been no exception to the usual attempt.

In July the librarian received, as she did last year, a set of pictures from the Woman's Educational Association of Boston, consisting of birds and wild animals, on mounted cards, each having some descriptive text, which she took pleasure in exhibiting to the patrons during the few weeks they were here, and on the

evening of Aug. 4 there was a public exhibition in the town hall in connection with a social held under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, thinking to secure a larger company to enjoy and receive the benefit of the pictures, which proved a very pleasant and interesting evening. Surely the Woman's Educational Association is doing excellent work in sending to the smaller country towns traveling libraries of books as well as pictures, when they are desired. In behalf of the trustees I would like to extend thanks to all who have so kindly donated books, and also expressed their interest in the success of the library during the year.

In December the Free Public Library Commission of Boston donated forty books of different classes to our library. We have had McClure's Magazine for the year 1901, which contains the story of "Kim," by Rudyard Kipling, bound and placed on the shelves; also a year of Pearson's Magazines bound, besides copies of different magazines that are left continually. A copy of "Public Opinion" and "The Saturday Evening Post" will be left at the library each week by Mrs. G. E. O'Connor, for the benefit of the public.

The library contains about 1,269 volumes; it has been open for the distribution of books as usual every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:30 o'clock, and from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock in the evening; also on Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00, with the exception of two weeks in January, when the library has been closed for the inspection and repairing of books.

The circulation has been somewhat larger than last year, notwithstanding that for about half the year they have not been placed at the north part of the town. We are pleased, however, to announce that now they will be found at the home of Mrs. George Tingley.

There have been 148 patrons during the year. The delivery by division has been: Biography, 30; fiction, 2,000; history, 61; miscellaneous, 54; poetry, 30; science, 21; travel 54; making a sum total of 2,450.

The library is frequently used for reference.

SARA TUFTS ROCKWOOD, Librarian.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1902.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1901.....	\$5 75	
Received from town.....	100 00	
Received from fines.....	4 06	
Received from catalogues.....	2 80	
	—————	\$112 61

## EXPENDITURES.

New books.....	\$58 16	
Printing new catalogues.....	26 00	
Librarian.....	20 00	
Supplies and expenses.....	5 30	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1902.....	3 15	
	—————	\$112 61

Respectfully submitted,

SARA T. ROCKWOOD, Treasurer.



## Auditor's Report.

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The undersigned has examined the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers, School Committee and Tax Collectors' and the vouchers presented by them. The reports appear substantially correct with the exception of that of the Road Commissioner at the South, who has reckoned on the basis of 15 cts. per hour instead of  $16\frac{2}{3}$  cts. which the town voted to allow at its last annual meeting.

CLARENCE A. CROOKS, Auditor.



# REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

## Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

## TOWN OF BELLINGHAM,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1901-'02.



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WOONSOCKET, R. I. :

CHARLES E. COOK, PRINTER, 76 MAIN STREET.

1902.

HENRY W. PICKERING, Chairman.....Term expires 1902  
HORACE A. BROWN, Secretary.....Term expires 1904  
JAMES O. RICHARDSON.....Term expires 1903

ELMER E. SHERMAN, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS,

LUMAN R. CAMP,                      HENRY W. PICKERING,  
GEORGE F. NUGENT.



# Report of School Committee.

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The School Committee respectfully submit the following report :

The Committee organized with Henry W. Pickering, Chairman, and Horace A. Brown, Secretary. The joint committee, representing the three towns of Mendon, Hopedale, and Bellingham, met at Hopedale in April and elected Mr. Elmer E. Sherman, Superintendent for another year.

There has been one change on this committee during the year. Mr. Harry D. Nickerson tendered his resignation and at a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee held September 3, 1901, Mr. James O. Richardson was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The new school houses have proved to be well adapted for use, but the grounds at each place should be graded more than at present; there is plenty of loam at each place.

The heating apparatus at South Bellingham does not work properly and should be changed to obtain the proper results. The cellar of this building should also be excavated and made deeper to ensure good ventilation.

The report of the Superintendent on the condition and progress of the work of the schools should be carefully read by all.

The Committee regret that they are obliged to ask for an increase in their appropriation for the coming year, but will try to explain some of the reasons: We have been obliged to open another school, making an addition to the amount necessary to pay the teachers; the janitors' salaries have been raised quite an amount on account of the greater amount of work necessary to heat and clean the buildings; transportation has had to be furnished to the pupils of the Chilson Hill district and the fuel bill has increased somewhat.

The following figures are the estimates for the coming year :

Teaching and care.....	\$4050 00
Superintendent.....	560 00
Fuel.....	500 00

Text books.....	110 00	
Incidentals.....	200 00	
Supplies.....	120 00	
Transportation.....	808 00	
Tuition.....	500 00	
Superintendent (from salary account)...	300 00	
		<hr/> \$7148 00
Less the following receipts:		
Dog tax.....	250 00	
Income State Bank, etc.....	165 00	
Superintendent's account from State....	416 00	
Income State school fund (estimated)...	600 00	
		<hr/> \$1431 00
Needed appropriation.....		<hr/> \$5717 00

This does not include the \$600 necessary for the High Grammar School at the Centre.

### Financial Statement.

#### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	\$3800 00	
Superintendent (from appropriation for town officers).....	300 00	
Dog tax.....	255 25	
Income State Bank and surplus revenue..	165 00	
Income State School fund.....	917 44	
Superintendent's account from State....	416 66	
Articles sold.....	32 50	
Tuition.....	10 00	
		<hr/> \$5896 85

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching.....	\$2768 00	
Superintendent.....	566 70	
Care of school buildings.....	277 30	
Fuel.....	573 87	
Text Books.....	119 03	
Incidentals.....	392 92	
Supplies.....	147 87	

Transportation .....	663 50	
Tuition.....	531 15	
		\$6040 34
Exceeded appropriation.....		\$143 49

## DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES.

## TEACHING.

Paid to Mary F. Billings.....	\$396 00	
Katherine F. Allen.....	378 00	
Harriet H. Dodge.....	143 00	
Hannah G. Kennedy.....	315 00	
Emily T. Upton.....	306 50	
Katherine L. Bragg.....	307 50	
Mary Forbes.....	322 00	
Elsie V. Trask.....	276 50	
Lelia E. Kimball.....	72 00	
Georgiana Smith.....	36 00	
Lucia V. Nickerson.....	197 00	
Julia H. Bradley.....	10 50	
Adelaide Flagg.....	8 00	
		\$2768 00

## SUPERINTENDENT.

Paid E. E. Sherman.....	\$566 70
(The State paid the Town on account of Superintendent \$416.66; net expense of Superintendent \$150.04.)	

## CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid to S. F. Metcalf, janitor.....	\$70 00	
J. O. Richardson, janitor.....	65 00	
Leon Brooks, janitor.....	36 00	
Raymond Elliott, janitor.....	24 00	
Martin Miller, janitor.....	12 00	
Silas Williams, janitor.....	38 00	
John Desmond, janitor.....	17 00	
John Kane, janitor.....	9 00	
Elsie V. Trask, janitor.....	6 30	
		\$277 30

## FUEL.

Paid to New England Coal Co., coal....	\$13 25	
H. W. Pickering, wood.....	7 50	
P. P. Cook, wood.....	6 50	
G. E. Tingley, wood.....	3 50	
S. H. Williams, cutting wood...	1 50	
L. F. Thayer, coal and wood...	541 62	
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		\$573 87

## SUPPLIES.

Paid to S. H. Williams, stove shaker....	\$ 40	
Howard Chemical Co., ink.....	3 00	
Geo. S. Perry & Co.....	128 29	
C. O. Arnold, brushes, etc.....	1 96	
G. M. Billings, blanks.....	2 80	
H. A. Brown.....	3 97	
Avery & Woodbury, dusters....	1 60	
Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co...	5 10	
E. E. Sherman, rubber bands...	75	
		<hr/>
		\$147 87

## TEXT BOOKS.

Paid to American Book Co.....	\$57 36	
Thomas R. Shewell & Co.....	18 17	
Ginn & Co.....	16 50	
Morse & Co .....	9 00	
Educational Publishing Co.....	10 50	
Allyn & Bacon.....	7 50	
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		\$119 03

## TRANSPORTATION.

Paid to C. B. Tupper.....	\$216 00	
H. W. Pickering.....	69 50	
Poor Department.....	300 00	
L. F. Thayer.....	78 00	
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		\$663 50

## INCIDENTALS.

Paid to E. E. Sherman, telegrams, ex- press, and traveling expenses	\$19 05
G. M. Billings, printing.....	11 67

Paid to Eugene Trask, sawing wood....	1 00	
Ellis & Sons, repairs and grates.	15 82	
Avery & Woodbury, curtains and chairs.....	122 95	
H. W. Pickering, repairs and cleaning.....	17 05	
Auclair Bros., varnishing seats..	12 00	
H. A. Brown, advertising.....	50	
H. A. Whitney, school census..	8 79	
M. Fitzpatrick, labor.....	2 70	
G. S. Perry & Co., desks.....	36 00	
O. Whitney & Son, repairs, labor and storm porches.....	76 26	
M. J. Connolly, carting and labor	24 90	
Bay State Heating Co., grates..	14 62	
F. E. Barrows, painting.....	5 46	
E. B. Stowe, pails and shovels..	3 99	
James Munroe, labor.....	2 00	
M. McLaughlin, labor and brick.	5 70	
L. F. Thayer, pails, etc.....	7 96	
R. C. Eldridge, clock.....	4 50	
		\$392 92

## TUITION.

## Paid City of Woonsocket:

Cynthia Pickering.....	\$12 00	
Bertha Whipple.....	44 20	
Caroline Freeman.....	44 20	
		\$100 40

## Paid Town of Medway:

Eugene Connolly.....	\$61 50	
Edith Maxey.....	30 00	
Gertrude Evans.....	30 00	
Mabel Blake.....	28 50	
		\$150 00

## Paid Town of Franklin:

Helen Thompson.....	\$20 25	
Vera Billings.....	20 25	
Bertha Thayer.....	20 25	



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Eva Maxey.....	9 00
May Fitzgerald.....	9 00
Elwyn Thayer.....	20 25
James Beach.....	18 75
Charles Foley.....	18 00
Ernest Camp.....	15 75
Chester Richards.....	20 25
Alton B. Cooke.....	18 75
Ella G. Rockwood.....	14 00
Ada M. Trask.....	14 25
Mary N. Sears.....	14 00
Nellie Fitzgerald.....	14 25
George Fitzpatrick.....	14 25
James Munroe.....	9 00
Frank Sullivan.....	9 00
Alida M. Spencer.....	1 50

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\$280 75

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\$531 15

HENRY W. PICKERING,	}	School Committee.
HORACE A. BROWN,		
JAMES O. RICHARDSON,		

# Report

## of the Superintendent of Schools.

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF BELLINGHAM:

GENTLEMEN:—The eighth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is hereby presented. This report covers the school year September, 1900, to June, 1901.

### THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The table on page 15 gives in detail the facts which, for convenience, are here expressed in round numbers.

Total enrollment in home schools.....	317
Tuition pupils in outside high schools.....	18
Whole number of scholars.....	335
Average membership in home schools.....	243
Average attendance in home schools.....	231
Per cent. of attendance in home schools.....	95+

Compared with last year:

Total enrollment in home schools, increase.....	16
Average membership, increase.....	5
Average attendance, increase.....	9
Per cent. of attendance, increase.....	.02

The per cent. of attendance is the highest ever recorded in this town—4 per cent. higher than the state average of last year.

This gain in the regularity and punctuality of attendance is very gratifying. It shows a general and active interest in the schools; it means that the children are on hand to receive the benefit of the school appropriation; in a word, it is an indication of good schools.

The North Grammar was a little ahead in regularity of attendance, followed by the South Primary, South Grammar and Center Primary, in the order named. In actual number of tardy marks the schools ranked in the following order, those having the least coming first: 1, South Primary; 2, South Grammar; 3, North Primary; 4, Massey Primary; 5, Caryville Primary; 6, Massey Grammar; 7, Chilson; 8, North Grammar.

The following table offers a comparison with former years :

YEAR.	Number of Weeks.	Number of Schools.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.
1870	30	8	....	175	87
1880	32	9	184	168	91
1885	32	8	172	158	91+
1890	33	8	181	170	93+
1895	35	10	253	237	94
1900	36	8	*238	222	93+
1901	36	8	†242	230	95

\*Does not include 16 high school pupils in outside schools.

†Does not include 27 high school pupils in outside schools.

It may be seen from the above table that there has been a steady increase in membership and in attendance of those enrolled. The present enrollment, January, 1902, for home schools is 290, high school pupils 18, total 308; a gain in membership since 1890 of 109 scholars, and that without including the high school scholars, of whom there were none in 1890.

One change in teachers has occurred during the year. In December, 1900, Miss Alice F. Burnham of the Center grammar was obliged, through illness, to resign her position.

The teachers have shown enthusiasm and unfailing industry. They have evinced interest not only in the progress of their classes as a whole, but in the development of the individual child as well. To understand and sympathize with the point of view held by each child is a quality of the true teacher, one which springs from her personality, and finds its fuller expression as she becomes acquainted in the community, and also when opportunity, through fewer daily recitations and smaller classes, enables her to devote herself to this important side of her professional work.

In general the work of the schools for the year has been

good. The teachers of Woonsocket and Franklin who instruct the majority of the upper grade pupils from Bellingham have voluntarily expressed themselves as pleased with the preparation of our pupils, frankly admitting that they excel in some essentials the scholars trained in their own schools.

In our lower grades the work in mental arithmetic, spelling and reading has been emphasized. Drawing has received attention, and as now taught trains the hand and the eye. The judgment is constantly exercised, and good taste cultivated. Drawing unites thinking with doing, and is one of the most practical branches in the school course.

The most important event in the school history of Bellingham for many years was the vote of the town in April, 1901, to enlarge and otherwise improve the school property at the Center and at the North, and the appropriation of thirteen thousand dollars for the purpose.

The executive committee appointed for the work has well performed its task and has submitted to the town two well constructed and commodious four-room buildings, which are not only healthful as to situation, light, heat and ventilation, but pleasing in appearance and ornamental to the town. All this has been accomplished for a sum small compared with the usual cost of such accommodations. Great credit is due to the building committee as a whole and to each member individually, and especially to the chairman, Mr. Horace A. Brown, for the thought and time freely devoted to the success of the enterprise. The architect, Mr. Robert Allen Cook, succeeded beyond the expectations of the committee, and much praise is due him for so successfully adapting the means to the end.

#### THE FORWARD LOOK.

The present school course covers nine years of work which if successfully done fits the pupil for entrance to a high school. In addition the statute requires the Town to provide for those who are qualified and who so desire a high school education. This can be done either by maintaining a high school or by paying tuition to some other town for high school privileges. A

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high school must meet the requirements of the State Board of Education. These, in brief, are :

1. Four years of forty weeks each.
2. Such courses of study as will prepare students for any college, technical or normal school in the State.
3. A suitable building and equipment to carry out the above courses.
4. Competent teachers.

High schools are expensive. Medway has a small high school of some sixty or seventy pupils, with two teachers, which costs annually over two thousand dollars to maintain. The Blackstone school, about the same size, costs three thousand a year. The Franklin school is about three times the size of the Medway school and requires a yearly expenditure of over five thousand dollars, while the Woonsocket High School, with the same number of teachers as Franklin, costs in the neighborhood of eight thousand dollars a year. Mendon has a small school of twenty-five pupils, with one teacher, which gives only a partial and inferior course, at a cost of not far from one thousand dollars a year. An approved high school would be impossible for Bellingham, with the few scholars and the small means at her command. A bill is now before the legislature, which, if it becomes law, will enable the State to pay the tuition bills for towns of five hundred families or under.

It is better for a town to educate its children as far as it can within its own borders. I would suggest the following plan :

That a school be opened next September in the vacant room in the Centre building, to consist of ninth and possibly tenth year classes, with a course of study that would give a good English education designed to fit our pupils for the everyday duties of the home, business, and good citizenship, and also prepare for some outside high school those whose ability and ambition urge them towards a higher education. Another reason for such a school is to be found in the large membership at the North and South schools. There is no room at the South for a ninth year class. The primary room at the North containing first and second years, now has fifty-one children, the next room between thirty and forty and the third room over forty. These three



rooms comprise the first seven years, the eighth and ninth now occupying the fourth room. The second year class will have to be taken out of the primary room and each room will have to have one class passed on to the next room. It can be easily seen that the seventh and eighth classes will fully occupy the highest or fourth room, and that the ninth class, in another year, will be crowded out of the building. It is better at present to use the vacant room at the Centre for the highest classes than to build additional room at the South or North.

Here is an outline for a ninth and tenth year course of study suited to the needs of a central school:

#### NINTH YEAR.

ENGLISH .20 (Fraction of working time devoted to recitation)—Reading, Spelling, Literature, Composition, Grammar, History of the English Language.

MATHEMATICS .20—Arithmetic, including Elements of Applied Geometry, Elementary Algebra, Elements of Book-keeping, Penmanship.

HISTORY .20—United States History, Elements of Civil Government.

SCIENCE .16—Physical Geography, Commercial Geography, Elements of Physics, Physiology. \*(Or Latin).

DRAWING .12—Instrumental, Freehand, Design.

MUSIC .08—Vocal.

GYMNASTICS .04—For vocal and muscular development.

#### TENTH YEAR.

ENGLISH .20—Composition, Literature, Elocution.

ALGEBRA .20.

HISTORY .20—Advanced United States History with Contemporaneous English History, Civil Government. \*(Or Grecian and Roman History).

BOOK-KEEPING .20—Double Entry, Business Arithmetic, Penmanship. \*(Or Latin).

DRAWING .08—Freehand, Instrumental, Design.

MUSIC .08—Vocal.

GYMNASTICS .04.

\*For those scholars fitting for classical course in high school.

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I would recommend that at the March meeting the town instruct the School Committee to open in September a high-grammar school at the Center, and add for the purpose to the amount raised and appropriated for schools the sum of six hundred dollars, to be expended about as follows :

Furnishing of the room.....	\$200 00
Text books and supplies.....	125 00
Salary of teacher to February 1, 1903..	275 00
	<hr/>
	\$600 00

To summarize :

1. The attendance was more regular than ever before.
2. But one change occurred in the teaching force.
3. Bellingham pupils stand well in outside schools.
4. The new buildings are a credit to the town.
5. The town is now educating 127 more scholars than in 1890, giving more weeks in a year and more years in the course.
6. A new school is needed at the Center.
  - a. To reduce tuition bills and educate at home.
  - b. To relieve the numbers at the North and South.

In closing it gives me pleasure to express my appreciation of the courtesy and unanimous support of the School Committee, of the generous interest and confidence evinced by the citizens and of the loyalty which teachers and pupils have shown in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. SHERMAN,  
Superintendent of Schools.

# SCHOOL REGISTER STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1900, TO JUNE, 1901.

SCHOOLS.	Average Member-ship.	Average Attend-ance.	Per Cent. of At-tendance.	Total Enroll-ment.	Total Days of Absence.	Tardy.	Dis-missed.	Tru-ants.	Corporal Punish-ment.	Visits by Superin-tendent.	Visits by Others.
North Grammar...	39.97	41.80	95.62	48	416	96	346	0	13	22	40
North Primary....	41.16	37.33	90.75	52	669½	13	1	0	5	21	19
Caryville Primary.	26.98	24.90	92.25	33	373	17	12	0	1	19	23
Massey Grammar..	23.82	21.98	92.22	34	333½	26	25	3	0	31	44
Massey Primary...	31.06	29.20	94.01	43	333½	13	7	3	1	25	85
Chilson Primary..	16.29	14.99	92.14	22	243	37	39	0	0	13	33
South Grammar...	22.41	21.40	95.51	25	181	0	9	0	0	13	105
South Primary....	40.61	38.80	95.54	60	325½	0	0	0	0	13	120
Summaries....	242.30	230.40	95.08	317	2875	202	439	6	20	157	469

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Number under five years of age.....	1	2	3
Number between five and fifteen .....	139	140	279
Number over fifteen.....	5	4	9
Number between seven and fourteen.....	106	111	217
SCHOOL CENSUS STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1901.			
Number of children in town between five and fifteen.....	144	149	293
Number of children in town between seven and fourteen .....	98	108	206

## TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1901,

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	Date of Appointment.	WHERE FITTED.
<b>NORTH.</b>			
Grades 8, 9,	Harriet H. Dodge.	Sept., 1901.	Mount Holyoke College.
5, 6, 7,	Hannah G. Kennedy.	Sept., 1900.	Bridgewater Normal.
3, 4,	Emily F. Upton.	Mar., 1899.	Newburyport Training.
1, 2,	Katherine L. Bragg.	Sept., 1899.	Bridgewater Normal.
<b>MASSEY.</b>			
Grades 7, 8, 9,	Mary Forbes.	Nov., 1900.	Nova Scotia Academy.
4, 5, 6,	Elsie V. Trask.	Sept., 1898.	Franklin High.
1, 2, 3,	Lelia E. Kimball.	Sept., 1901.	Newburyport Training.
<b>SOUTH.</b>			
Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,	Katherine F. Allen.	Mar., 1896.	Woonsocket High.
1, 2, 3,	Mary A. Billings.	Jan., 1896.	Dean Academy.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT., 1901, TO JUNE, 1902.

FALL TERM. 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Sept. 9, 1901.	Dec. 13, 1901.	Dec. 30, 1901.	Mar. 21, 1902.	Apr. 7, 1902.	June 13, 1902.

Holidays: Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following, Memorial Day.

Owing to delay in completion of new buildings at the North and Center those schools are obliged to use the following calendar:

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, OCTOBER, 1901, TO JUNE, 1902.

FALL TERM. 13 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 10 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Oct. 23, 1901.	Jan. 24, 1902.	Feb. 3, 1902.	Apr. 11, 1902.	Apr. 21, 1902.	June 27, 1902.

Holidays: Thanksgiving and Friday following, Christmas Day, Memorial Day.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, SEPT. 1902, TO JUNE, 1903.

FALL TERM. 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Sept. 8, 1902.	Dec. 12, 1902.	Dec. 29, 1902.	Mar. 20, 1903.	Apr. 6, 1903.	June 12, 1903.

Holidays: Thanksgiving Day and Friday following.

## Brief Extracts from Educational Laws.

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1. All children between 7 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, to the satisfaction of the School Committee, must attend the public schools during the entire time of each school year. Penalty to parent or guardian for failure in attendance for five days' sessions within any period of six months, \$20.

2. No child under 14 shall be employed "in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment." "No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation" during the hours when the public school is in session nor before six o'clock in the morning or after seven in the evening.

3. No child under 16 shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools. He must present an employment ticket from the person who wishes to employ him, on applying for a certificate. The father, if living and a resident, must sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither, the guardian.

4. Children between 14 and 16 must either attend school or be regularly employed.

5. Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or from a household exposed to a contagion from a household as aforesaid. Two weeks after the death, removal or recovery of the patient in a case of the first three mentioned, or three days after in a case of measles, the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or from the board of health.

6. "The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriot nature."

7. A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the school house grounds or building every



school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the school house on other school days.

8. A written excuse stating cause of absence, and signed by parent or guardian, must be presented by the pupil on his return to school.

9. Every habitual school offender, that is, every child under fourteen years of age, who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys; and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls."

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**Honorable Mention.**

The following named children have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified. The record ends June, 1901 :

**ELEVEN TERMS.**

Ethel Maxey, North grammar.

**SEVEN TERMS.**

Grace L. McCarthy, Mary I. McCarthy, South grammar.

**SIX TERMS.**

Edith Rockwood, Everett Rockwood, John Graves, Massey primary.

**FIVE TERMS.**

Louise E. Pickering, Caryville primary.

**FOUR TERMS.**

Francis Pickering, South primary.

**THREE TERMS.**

Rudolph Griffin, Caryville primary.

John Kennedy, North primary.

James Kennelly, North grammar.

Ada Rockwood, Massey primary.

June F. Hodgkins, Chilson.

Elijah Staples, South grammar.

Halsey T. Staples, Ray A. Staples, South primary.

**WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.**

Elmer Camp, Earl Tingley, Caryville primary.

Abbie Dwyer, Mary Fitzpatrick, North primary.

Michael Smith, North grammar.

Ruel Thayer, May Clark, Daniel Bates, Massey primary.

Edna M. Trask, Chilson.

Vestella M. Burr, Everett E. Estes, Fred C. Whipple, Maud A. Pickering, South grammar.

Edna L. Cook, Florence B. Whipple, Julia Bermier, Ethel J. Tupper, South primary.

**SPRING TERM.**

Julia Kane, Nora Kane, Katie Kiernan, William Naughtin, Edwin Deeley, Maud Lipsett, Henry Allen, John Lipsett, Francis Metcalf, Agnes O'Keefe, Caryville primary.

Jennie Desmond, Bernard Fitzpatrick, Daniel Fitzpatrick,

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Margaret Fitzpatrick, Cornelius Foley, Florence Lamont, Michael Smith, Bessie Wilson, North primary.

Myrtle Grant, Delia O'Keefe, John Kane, North grammar.

Elsie Smith, Alice Spencer, Myrtle Spencer, Warren Whiting, Alice White, Effie Webber, Charles Denoyelle, Eugenia Denoyelle, Melina Denoyelle, Louise Denoyelle, Grace White, Massey primary.

Caroline S. Trask, John C. Peterson, Chilson.

Alice Freeman, Geneva A. Tupper, Mabel L. Whipple, Florence Tupper, Lucy I. Wales, Flossie Martin, South grammar.

Lillian White, Florence Bermier, Rosa Levesque, Mildred Lyman, Gertrude Rhodes, Ora Harper, Victor Lee, Edgar C. Scott, Arthur Rhodes, Albert Miller, Gerald Bermier, Merton Lyman, Harold Freeman, Delore Rattie, Raymond Tupper, Henry Rattie, South primary.

#### FALL TERM.

Laura Bigwood, Carlos Bigwood, Francis Metcalf, Caryville primary.

Benjamin Beagley, Margaret Desmond, Mary Dee, Margaret Fitzpatrick, William Foley, North primary.

John Desmond, Michael Kennelly, Emeline Bellan, Mary Desmond, Fred Foley, Mary Foley, Delia O'Keefe, North grammar.

Eva Lautz, Lilla Spencer, Mabelle Webber, William Keith, George Thayer, Massey grammar.

John Brown, Martin Rockwood, Eddie Spencer, Mary Brown, May Clark, Annie Munroe, Alice Spencer, Myrtle Spencer, Edna Thayer, Effie Webber, Grace White, Mary Hamlin, Massey primary.

Weston D. Aldrich, Caroline S. Trask, Amy F. Aldrich, John C. Peterson, Chilson.

Lucy I. Wales, South grammar.

Edgar C. Scott, Victor W. Lee, Ora Harper, Charlotte A Staples, South primary.

#### WINTER TERM.

Mary Dee, Margaret Desmond, Mary Dwyer, William Foley, Eugene Riordan, Timothy Riordan, North primary.

Michael Kennelley, Daniel Dwyer, Michael Kennedy, William Kennedy, John Desmond, Henry Foley, North grammar.

Martin Rockwood, George Sears, John Sears, Massey primary.

Roby E. Staples, Henry A. McCarthy, Raymond E. Elliott, South grammar.

Hazel G. Elliott, Joseph O. Bermier, South primary.

# Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Norfolk, ss.*

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Bellingham, on the Third day of March, A. D., 1902, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk for 1 year, Town Treasurer for 1 year, 3 Selectmen for 1 year, 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years, 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years, 3 Assessors of Taxes for 1 year, Auditor for 1 year, Collector of Taxes for 1 year, 1 School Committee to fill vacancy, 1 School Committee for 3 years, 4 Constables for 1 year, 2 Library Trustees for 3 years, 1 Cemetery Committee for 3 years, 3 Fence Viewers for 1 year, 1 Tree Warden for 1 year; also on the same ballot to answer the following question: "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this Town?" "Yes" or "No." Polls to be opened at 10 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes: 1st, support of schools, including books, supplies, incidentals, transportation of scholars, and salary of Superintendent of Schools; 2nd, highways and bridges, railings and guide boards; 3rd, support of the poor; 4th, repair of Town buildings; 5th, incidental items; 6th, printing; 7th, interest on Town debt; 8th, to pay Town debt; 9th, pay of Town officers; 10th, repairs in the



cemeteries; 11th, Decoration Day; 12th, Public library; 13th, indigent soldiers' aid; 14th, care of tramps; 15th, use of the tree warden; 16th, emergency fund.

ARTICLE 5. To see when the several sums of money voted to be raised shall be collected and paid into the treasury.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize its Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Treasurer has when appointed Collector and establish the Collector's salary.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will allow any bills that may be presented.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to sell their unoccupied school houses or act or do anything relating to the same.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise the school house at Crook's Corner, and add two rooms under the same, or in some manner increase the seating capacity to accommodate the pupils who attend this school, and vote to raise a sufficient sum of money to build and furnish the same.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the sole purpose of cutting bushes in the highways.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this Eighteenth day of February, A. D. 1902.

HENRY A. WHITNEY,	} Selectmen of Bellingham.
ORVILLE C. RHODES,	
WARREN E. FAIRBANKS,	

ATTEST:

SILAS H. WILLIAMS,

Constable of Bellingham.





